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**Drug Analysis Laboratory Monthly Status Report**

**December, 2009**

**Amherst and Jamaica Plain (combined)**

Cases* submitted to the laboratories this month.....	730
Number of items contained in these cases.....	1395
Cases analyzed by the laboratories this month.....	1477
Number of items analyzed this month.....	2322
Laboratories' backlog (Items).....	10321
Average time per analysis (turnaround time).....	156 days
Number of preliminary/priority analyses performed.....	331

**Analysis Backlog**

Unanalyzed items in the laboratory on the last day of the month

1-15 days old	366	4%
16-30 days old	900	9%
31-50 days old	937	9%
Greater than 50 days	8118	79%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10321</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* A CASE refers to all the evidence gathered from an incident or arrest that is related to one or more defendants. Each case may contain one or more ITEMS of different appearance and/or composition, e.g. marijuana, cocaine, heroin.

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**Analysis Profile**

Time in the laboratory for items analyzed this month

1-15 days	85	4%
16-30 days	144	6%
31-50 days	248	11%
Greater than 50 days	1845	79%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2322</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Totals for Drugs of Interest**

<b>Drug Type</b>	<b>Number of Items</b>
Marijuana	377
Cocaine	653
Heroin	325
Others	967
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2322</b>

**Trafficking Items Analyzed**

<b>Drug Type</b>	<b>Number of Items</b>
Heroin	8
Cocaine	44
Oxycodone	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66</b>

**Calendar Year (2009) Totals through the End of the Month**

Items Submitted	24970
Items Analyzed	26236 (does not include 2642 untested vegetable matter items)